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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

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LEONORA MURRAY, STEPHEN MURRAY, SR., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, LEONORA MURRAY

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:10cul88

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GENERAL MOTORS LLC and SKINNER CHEVROLET BUICK PONTIAC GMC

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Please take notice that General Motors LLC (GM) has removed this civil action from the Circuit Court of Copiah County to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, and supports this removal as follows:

GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL

- 1. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1446(a), GM states that the basis for removal is diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 2. The amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), exclusive of interest and costs.¹
- 3. There is diversity of citizenship between the Plaintiffs and GM,² the only properly joined Defendant that remains in this lawsuit.

DATE LAWSUIT FILED

4. On March 5, 2010, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint in this civil action in the Circuit

¹Complaint at p. 9, Prayer.

²*Id.* at pp. 1-2, ¶¶1-2 and 4.

Court of Copiah County, Mississippi.

DATES LAWSUIT SERVED

- 5. GM was served with this lawsuit on March 10, 2010.
- 6. Motors Liquidation Company (MLC) was served on March 10, 2010.
- 7. Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC (Skinner Chevrolet) was served on March 11, 2010.

MLC DISMISSED

8. MLC was dismissed from this lawsuit by an *Order* that was signed March 26, 2010 and filed on March 30, 2010.³

COPIES OF PROCESS, PLEADINGS & ORDERS

- 9. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings, and orders served on or by GM are attached as *Exhibit* "1."
- 10. A copy of the Order Dismissing Motors Liquidation Company is attached as Exhibit "2."

REMOVAL IS TIMELY

11. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(b), this *Notice of Removal* is timely because it is filed with the Court within 30 days after the receipt by GM of Plaintiffs' *Complaint*.

VENUE IS PROPER

12. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division is the district in which the state court action was filed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 104(b)(1).

³Order Dismissing Motors Liquidation Company attached as Exhibit "2."

NOTICE OF FILING TO STATE COURT AND ADVERSE PARTIES

13. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), GM is promptly filing a *Notice of Removal* with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Copiah County, Mississippi and giving written notice thereof to all adverse parties.

PLAINTIFFS' CITIZENSHIP

14. Plaintiffs are residents of Mississippi.⁴

DEFENDANTS' CITIZENSHIP

- 15. Plaintiffs named GM as a Defendant. GM is a Delaware limited liability company that has its principal place of business in Michigan.⁵ Accordingly, as between Plaintiffs and GM, there is complete diversity of citizenship.
- 16. Plaintiffs named MLC as an additional Defendant. MLC is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Michigan.⁶ MLC has been dismissed from this lawsuit.⁷

IMPROPER JOINDER OF SKINNER CHEVROLET

- 17. Plaintiffs named Skinner Chevrolet as an additional Defendant. Skinner Chevrolet is a Mississippi corporation with its principal place of business in Mississippi.⁸
- 18. Skinner Chevrolet was improperly joined for the sole purpose of defeating diversity jurisdiction.

⁴Complaint at p. 1, ¶¶1-2.

 $^{^{5}}$ *Id.* at p. 2, ¶4.

⁶*Id.* at p. 2, ¶3.

⁷Order Dismissing Motors Liquidation Company attached as Exhibit "2."

 $^{^8}$ Complaint at p. 2, ¶5.

- 19. Plaintiffs alleged that the subject car had defects in the (a) air bag system; and (b) the steering and wheel assembly components. More specifically, plaintiffs allegations concerning the steering and wheel assembly is that the driver's (left) side front wheel assembly suspension components on the car were defective and broke before the accident, causing the driver's side of the car to drop to the ground which made the driver unable to steer the car. In
- 20. Skinner Chevrolet is an innocent seller.¹¹ It is immune from liability under Miss. Code Ann. §11-1-63(h) in this products liability claim.
- 21. Plaintiffs made conclusory allegations against Skinner Chevrolet¹² which are not sufficient to state a claim against Skinner Chevrolet. *See Baggett v. Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.*, 2006 WL 1520539, *1 (S.D. Miss.).
- 22. Skinner Chevrolet had no knowledge of any defects in those components of the car that plaintiffs allege caused their damages when it sold the car.¹³
- 23. Plaintiff, Stephen Murray, purchased the car on August 12, 2005.¹⁴ Plaintiffs alleged that, after Mr. Murray purchased the car, the frontal air bag system on the car was recalled twice.¹⁵ Even if that allegation is true, those recalls issued after Mr. Murray purchased the car cannot possibly

⁹*Id.* at p. 5, ¶¶31 and 32.

¹⁰Complaint at pp. 5-6, ¶¶32 and 38; October 9, 2009 letter from plaintiffs' counsel, Carroll Rhodes attached as Exhibit "3"; Affidavit of Cherlyn Stagner at p. 2, ¶4 attached as Exhibit "4"; and Affidavit of William O'Keefe at pp. 1-2, ¶¶4-8, with photographs, attached as Exhibit "5."

¹¹ See Affidavit of Vera Skinner attached as Exhibit "6."

¹²Complaint at pp. 4-9, ¶¶13-14, 20, 23-34, 40-52 and 54-56.

 $^{^{13}}$ Affidavit of Vera Skinner at p. 2, ¶¶8-9.

¹⁴Complaint at p. 3, ¶11.

¹⁵*Id.* at p. 4, ¶¶15-16.

have given Skinner Chevrolet notice of any defect in the car at the time it sold the car. See Baggett v. Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd., supra at *2; Fife v. Polaris Industries, Inc., 2007 WL 534215, **1-2 (S.D. Miss.).

- 24. Skinner Chevrolet had no knowledge of any of the defects in those components of the car that plaintiffs allege caused their damages when it performed work on that car. ¹⁶
- 25. Plaintiffs alleged that Skinner Chevrolet breached implied warranties that caused their damages.¹⁷ Plaintiffs' breach of implied warranty claim does not state a cognizable claim against Skinner Chevrolet. *See Collins v. Ford Motor Co.*, 2006 WL 2788564, *3 (S.D. Miss.); *Jones v. General Motors Corp.*, 2007 WL 1610478 *3, (S.D. Miss.); *Jenkins v. Kellog Co.*, 2009 WL 2005162, *4 (N.D. Miss.); Miss. Code Ann. §11-1-63(h).
- 26. Plaintiffs alleged that Skinner Chevrolet breached express warranties that caused their damages. Plaintiffs do not have an arguably reasonable basis upon which they can recover against Skinner Chevrolet under an express warranty theory. Plaintiffs did not plead the terms of any alleged express warranty, nor did plaintiffs attach a copy of any such express warranty. See Mississippi Rule of Civil Procedure 10(d). Plaintiffs' conclusory allegations concerning an alleged breach of express warranty claim do not state a claim against Skinner Chevrolet. See Baggett v. Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd., supra at *1. Furthermore, Skinner Chevrolet made no express warranties concerning the components that plaintiffs allege caused their damages, other than as a mere conduit of the car's

 $^{^{16}}$ Affidavit of Vera Skinner at p. 2, ¶¶8-9.

 $^{^{17}}Complaint$ at pp. 3-5 and 8, ¶¶12, 20, 23, 31-33 and 50.

¹⁸*Id.* at pp. 5-7, ¶¶31-33 and 49.

manufacturer.¹⁹ Skinner Chevrolet's immunity as an innocent seller under Miss. Code Ann. §11-1-63(h) "extends to all theories of liability." *Jenkins v. Kellogg Co., supra* at *4.

- 27. Plaintiffs alleged that Skinner Chevrolet repaired the car and caused their damages.²⁰ However, Skinner Chevrolet performed no repairs on those components of the car that plaintiffs claim caused their damages.²¹ Therefore, plaintiffs have no cause of action against Skinner Chevrolet under an improper repair theory. *Jones v. General Motors Corp.*, *supra* at **5-6; *Creel v. General Motors Corp.*, 233 So.2d 105, 108 (Miss. 1970).
- 28. Plaintiffs made conclusory allegations that Skinner Chevrolet had a duty to inspect, identify, repair and notify plaintiffs about any defects in their car.²² These types of conclusory allegations do not state a cause of action against Skinner Chevrolet. *Baggett v. Yamaha Motor Co.*, *Ltd., supra* at *1. Further, these allegations do not set forth an arguably reasonable basis upon which the plaintiffs can recover against Skinner Chevrolet. *See Jordan v. American Suzuki Motor Corp.*, 2007 WL 1521521, *4 (S.D. Miss.).
- 29. Plaintiffs alleged that Skinner Chevrolet made fraudulent and/or misrepresentations and omissions that caused their damages.²³ The plaintiffs have no reasonable possibility of success on this claim. *See Rials v. Philip Morris, USA*, 2007 WL 586796, *3 (S.D. Miss.). These types of conclusory allegations do not state a cause of action against Skinner Chevrolet. *Baggett v. Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd., supra* at *1. Further, Skinner Chevrolet made no such fraudulent and/or negligent

¹⁹ Affidavit of Vera Skinner at p. 3, ¶16-17.

 $^{^{20}}Complaint$ at pp. 3, 5 and 7, ¶¶12, 24, 28, 30 and 48.

²¹ Affidavit of Vera Skinner at pp. 2-3, ¶¶7 and 13-15.

²²Complaint at p. 5, ¶28.

²³*Id.* at pp. 6-8, ¶¶43-44 and 51-52.

misrepresentations or omissions.²⁴

30. There is no possibility that Plaintiffs will be able to establish a cause of action against Skinner Chevrolet in the state courts of Mississippi arising out of the facts alleged in Plaintiffs' Complaint. Skinner Chevrolet was improperly joined in this action for the sole purpose of defeating this Court's subject matter jurisdiction. *Weathersby v. General Motors Corp.*, 2006 WL 1487025, **2-3 (N.D. Miss.); *Willis v. Kia*, 2007 WL 1860769, **2-3 (N.D. Miss.).

31. This Court should ignore the alleged citizenship of Skinner Chevrolet for the purpose of determining diversity, and thereby exercise subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims against GM because complete diversity exists. *Weathersby v. General Motors Corp., supra*; *Willis v. Kia, supra*.

WHEREFORE, General Motors LLC respectfully requests that this *Notice of Removal* be filed, that Civil Action No. 2010-0086 in the Circuit Court of Copiah County, Mississippi be removed to and proceed in this Court, and that no further proceedings be had in Civil Action No. 2010-0086 in the Circuit Court of Copiah County.

Respectfully submitted,

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 $^{^{24}} Affidavit$ of Vera Skinner at pp. 2-3, $\P 8\text{-}11$ and 16-17.

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ATTACHMENTS TO NOTICE OF REMOVAL

- 1. Complaint;
- 2. Order Dismissing Motors Liquidation Company;
- 3. October 9, 2009 letter from plaintiffs' counsel, Carroll Rhodes;
- 4. Affidavit of Cherlyn Stagner;
- 5. Affidavit of William O'Keefe;
- 6. Affidavit of Vera Skinner.

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DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Complaint, Exhibit

COURT/AGENCY:

Copiah County Circuit Court, MS Case # 20100086

NATURE OF ACTION:

Product Liability Litigation - Breach of Warranty - Breach of Warranties, 2006 Chevrolet HHR airbags, steering and wheel assembly, Personal injuries

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

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You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

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JURY DEMANDED COMPLAINT

COME NOW the plaintiffs, Leonora Murray, Stephen Murray, Sr., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, Leonora Murray, and make and file this their complaint against the defendants, Motors Liquidation Company f/k/a General Motors Corporation ("GM"); General Motors LLC ("GM LLC"); and Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC ("Skinner"), and for said cause would show unto the Court the following, to-wit:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiffs, Leonora Murray and Stephen Murray, are adult resident citizens of Copiah County, Mississippi, whose post office and residence address is Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083.
- 2. Plaintiff, M. B., is a minor resident citizen of Copiah County, Mississippi, who brings this action by and through her maternal grandmother, Leonora Murray, who is an adult resident citizen of Copiah County, Mississippi, and whose post office and residence address is Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083.



- 3. Defendant, Motors Liquidation Corporation f/k/a General Motors Corporation ("GM"), is a foreign corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, and it has its principal place of business in the State of Michigan. This defendant has qualified to do business in the State of Mississippi and is doing business in the State of Mississippi. This defendant may be served with the process of this Court by serving its registered agent for the service of process, C T Corporation System, whose address is 645 Lakeland East Drive, Suite 1, Flowood, Mississippi 39232.
- 4. Defendant, General Motors LLC ("GMLLC"), is a foreign corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, and it has its principal place of business in the State of Michigan. This defendant has qualified to do business in the State of Mississippi and is doing business in the State of Mississippi. This defendant may be served with the process of this Court by serving its registered agent for the service of process, CT Corporation System, whose address is 645 Lakeland East Drive, Suite 1, Flowood, Mississippi 39232.
- 5. Defendant, Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC ("Skinner"), is a domestic corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and it has its principal place of business in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. This defendant has qualified to do business in the State of Mississippi and is doing business in the State of Mississippi. This defendant may be served with the process of this Court by serving its registered agent for the service of process, Vera D, Skinner, whose address is 25060 Highway 51, Crystal Springs, Mississippi 39059.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has jurisdiction of this damages action based on negligence, gross

negligence, misrepresentation, strict liability, products liability, and breach of implied warranty of fitness pursuant to § 9-7-81, Miss. Code Ann. (2009).

- 7. Venue is proper in Copiah County, Mississippi pursuant to § 11-11-3, Miss. Code

 Ann. (2009) because the cause of action arose and accrued in Copiah County, Mississippi.
- 8. Plaintiffs bring this action under the common law and state statutory law of Mississippi only, and the plaintiff expressly disavows any federal claims in this case.

FACTS

- 9. At all times mentioned herein, the defendants, GM and GM LLC, were designers, sellers, warrantors, testors, manufacturers, and distributors of motorized vehicles, including the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile. purchased and owned by the plaintiff.
- 10. At all times mentioned herein, the defendant, Skinner, was a merchant, seller, warrantor, testor, repairer, and distributor of motorized vehicles, including the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile purchased and owned by the plaintiff, Stephen Murray.
- 11. Plaintiff, Stephen Murray, purchased a new 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile from the defendant, Skinner, on August 12, 2005. A true and correct copy of the motor vehicle retail installment contract, security agreement, and disclosure statement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein.
- 12. At all times mentioned herein, the defendants, GM, GM LLC, and Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC, titled, distributed, impliedly warranted, provided maintenance for, repaired, advertised, marketed, prepared, inspected, received technical data and information concerning, placed their names on, and/or sold the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile purchased and owned by the plaintiff.

- 13. Defendant, Skinner, received and/or was positioned to receive specific vehicle information from defendants, GM and GM LLC, and was responsible for passing along all vehicle information to buyers and consumers of vehicles manufactured and sold by GM and GM LLC including the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile purchased and owned by the plaintiff.
 - 14. Defendant, Skinner, was not a mere sales conduit.
- 15. On October 27, 2006, the defendants, GM and GM LLC, and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the United States Department of Transportation, issued a re-call concerning the frontal airbags of the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.
- 16. On January 30, 2008, the defendants, GM and GM LLC, and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the United States Department of Transportation, issued a re-call concerning the frontal airbags of the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.
- 17. The airbag system and airbag sensors in the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile purchased adn owned by the plaintiff was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition when it left the manufacturer, GM and GM LLC, and when it reached the ultimate user or consumer, the plaintiff.
 - 18. The plaintiff, at all times relevant herein, owned the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.
 - 19. The plaintiff was never notified about the recall notices.
- 20. The defendants, GM, GMLLC, and Skinner, jointly and severally impliedly warranted to plaintiffs that the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile was merchantable when it was sold to the plaintiff.
- 23. The 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile was not merchantable when it was manufactured and sold to the plaintiff.

- 24. Plaintiffs took the vehicle to the defendant, Skinner, for regular inspection, service, and maintenance.
- 25. At all times relevant herein, the defendant, Skinner, was acting in its own behalf and in its capacity as an agent for the defendants, GM and GM LLC.
 - 26. At all times relevant herein, the defendants were acting jointly and severally.
 - 27. At all times relevant herein, the plaintiffs acted as reasonable persons.
- 28. The defendants owed plaintiffs a duty to inspect the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile, identify and repair any defects in the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile, notify plaintiffs about any defects in the 2006 HHR Chevrolet automobile, and provide plaintiffs with alternative transportation while the defendants repaired any defects in the 2006 Chevrolet automobile.
 - 29. The defendants breached the duty they owed to the plaintiffs.
- 30. The plaintiffs were injured and damaged as a proximate result of the defendants breaching the duty they owed to teh plaintiffs.
- The defendants, GM, GM LLC, and Skinner, expressly and impliedly warranted that the airbag system and airbag sensors were properly installed, inspected, calibrated, and replaced in the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile, and would deploy on front-end impacts at speeds in excess of 16 miles per hour and provide protection to the driver of the vehicle from head and chest injuries.
- 32. The defendants, GM, GM LLC, and Skinner, expressly and impliedly warranted that the steering and wheel assembly components in the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile were properly installed, inspected, calibrated, replaced, and would not break or dislodge under normal driving conditions.
 - 33. The plaintiffs relied on the express and implied warranties made by the defendants.

- 34. The plaintiffs did not know and had no way of knowing that the defendants had negligently and gross negligently designed, manufactured, installed, marketed, calibrated, sold to the general public including the plaintiff, a defective 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.
- 35. On August 25, 2009, plaintiff, Leonora Murray, was driving the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile on Jack Road in Copiah County, Mississippi.
- 36. Plaintiff, M. B., was a passenger on the back seat of the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile that plaintiff, Leonoar Murray, was driving.
- 37. At all times relevant herein, plaintiff, Leonora Murray, was driving in a safe and reasonable manner within the posted speed limit and at a safe speed for the road conditions.
- 38. All of a sudden the front end of the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile dropped to the pavement and the vehicle could not be steered or directed by the plaintiff, Leonora Murray.
- 39. The vehicle careened off the road, hit several objects, flipped, and landed upside down on a pole that penetrated the roof.
- 40. At all times relevant hereto, the defendants owed plaintiffs a duty to properly design, test, manufacture, install, equip, sell, and market the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.
- 41. The defendants breached the duties they owed to the plaintiff, and as a direct, sole, and proximate results thereof, the plaintiffs, Leonora Murray, Stephen Murray, Sr., and M. B., were injured and incurred damages.
- 42. At all times relevant hereto, the defendants knew or should have known that they had negligently and gross negligently designed, manufactured, installed, marketed, calibrated, sold to the general public including the plaintiff, the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.
 - 43. The defendants negligently, gross negligently, and fraudulently misrepresented and

made omissions to the public, including the plaintiffs, about the safety and maneuverability of the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile.

- 44. The plaintiffs relied on the misrepresentations made by the defendants to their detriment, and they were injured thereby.
- 45. As a direct, sole, and proximate results of that actions and inactions of the defendants, as mentioned above, the plaintiffs have been injured and suffered physical pain, emotional distress, physical impairment, permanent impairment rating, a loss of enjoyment of life, a loss of consortium, lost income, property damage, and plaintiffs have incurred medical bills.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE

46. The actions and inactions of the defendants, as mentioned above, were negligent and constitute negligence.

COUNT II - GROSS NEGLIGENCE

47. The actions and inactions of the defendants, as mentioned above, were grossly negligent and constitute gross negligence.

COUNT III - STRICT LIABILITY (manufacture, design, and repair)

48. Defendants are strictly liable to the plaintiff for designing, manufacturing, installing, failing to inspect, failing to calibrate, failing to re-calibrate, and selling a defective and unreasonably dangerous product.

COUNT IV - BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

49. The actions and inactions of the defendants, as mentioned above, constitute a breach of express warranty.

COUNT V - BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY

50. The actions and inactions of the defendants, as mentioned above, constitute a breach of implied warranty of merchantability.

COUNT VI - FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION

51. The actions, inactions, and misrepresentations of the defendants, as mentioned above, on which the plaintiff detrimentally relied constitute fraudulent misrepresentation.

COUNT VII - NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

52. The actions, inactions, misrepresentations, and omissions of the defendants, as mentioned above, on which the plaintiff detrimentally relied constitute negligent misrepresentation.

COUNT VIII - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

53. Plaintiffs requests the Court, pursuant to M. R. C. P. 57, enter a declaratory judgment that any arbitration clause or agreement is procedurally and substantively unconscionable and unenforceable as a matter of law.

CAUSATION, INJURY, AND DAMAGES

- 54. As a direct, sole, and proximate results of the actions and inactions of the defendants, jointly and severally, as mentioned above, the plaintiffs were injured and suffered physical pain, emotional distress, physical impairment, permanent impairment rating, loss of consoritum, loss of enjoyment of life, and a loss income, and plaintiff has incurred medical bills.
- 55. As a direct, sole, and proximate results of the actions and inactions of the defendants, jointly and severally, as mentioned above, the plaintiffs have been injured and damaged and seeks compensatory damages from the defendants, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
 - 56. As a direct, sole, and proximate results of the actions and inactions of the defendants,

the plaintiffs have been injured and damaged and seeks compensatory damages from the defendants, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00.

TRIAL BY JURY

57. Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury pursuant to M. R. C. P. 38.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, plaintiffs demand judgment of and from the defendants, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, together with an award of Court costs and litigation expenses.

This the 23rd day of February, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONORAMURRAY, STEPHEN MURRAY, SR., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, Leonora Murray,

PLAINTIFFS

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Buyer agrees to, and does hereby, direct the insurer to pay all proceeds directly to the Seller. Seller, at its discretion, may apply such proceeds to the indebtedness secured hereby, or use them to repair or replace the Collateral. Buyer hereby appoints Seller as his attorney-in-fact to file claims under any policy of insurance covering the Collateral (but Seller will not be obligated to file any such claim) and to endorse in Buyer's name any check or draft representing proceeds

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Upon default, Seller may, at its option, declare the entire unpaid balance of the indebtedness evidenced hereby due and payable, without demand or notice, and proceed to enforce payment of same and to exercise any or all rights and remedies afforded it herein or under the Uniform Commercial Code of Mississippi or other applicable law, all of which shall be cumulative. Seller's failure to elect to declare the entire unpaid balance herein due and payable on the occurrence of any sale or other disposition of the Collateral after default, Buyer agrees that the requirement of reasonable notice will be met if it delives the notice of mails the notice by first class. United States mail or registered or certified mail at Buyer's address shown on the Collateral and make it available to Seller at a place reasonably convenient to Seller and Buyer shall assemble the Collateral and make it available to Seller at a place reasonably convenient to Seller and Buyer and costs and costs recated to the Collateral including costs of Seller's own employees and its configuration Seller after Seller and costs.

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LEONORA MURRAY, STEPHEN MURRAY, SR., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, LEONORA MURRAY **PLAINTIFFS**

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2010-0086

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION; GENERAL MOTORS LLC; and SKINNER CHEVROLET BUICK PONTIAC GMC

DEFENDANTS

ORDER DISMISSING MOTORS LIQUIDATION
COMPANY f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
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CASE TO "LEONORA MURRAY, STEPHEN MURRAY,
SR. and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal
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LLC and SKINNER CHEVROLET BUICK PONTIAC GMC"

THIS CAUSE having come on to be heard upon the motion, *ore tenus*, of the plaintiffs, Leonora Murray, Stephen Murray, Sr., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, Leonora Murray, requesting that the Court enter an order dismissing Motors Liquidation Company f/k/a General Motors Corporation ("GM") as a defendant in this action and to amend the style of the case to "Leonora Murray, Stephen Murray, Sr., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, Leonora Murray vs. General Motors LLC and Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC," and the Court now being fully advised in the premises is of the opinion and finds that the motion, *ore tenus*, is well taken and the relief sought therein shall be and hereby is granted.

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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Motors Liquidation Company f/k/a
General Motors Corporation ("GM") is hereby dismissed as a defendant in this action.

IT IS, FURTHER, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the style of the case is hereby amended to "Leonora Murray, Stephen Murray, Sr., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, Leonora Murray vs. General Motors LLC and Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC."

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the ^{26th}day of March, 2010.

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:

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ESIS-GM CLAIMS UNIT

Mr. Sean Kelly ESIS/General Motors Company Post Office Box 300 Mail Code 482 C19 B61 Detroit, MI 48265-3000

Re:

Claimants:

Leonora Murray and Mariyah Brown

Your File No.:

677983

Your Client:

General Motors Corporation

Date/Event:

8-25-2009

Subject Vehicle:

2006 Chevrolet HHR - Corrected Letter

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Enclosed are copies of the following documents: (1) the Mississippi Title for the 2006 Chevrolet HHR owned by Mr. Murray, (2) the accident report; and (3) and the insurance adjuster's evaluation and estimate of damage to the car involved in the accident. As you can see, the left front suspension steering knuckle and the left front suspension stabilizing bar bracket, and the left front suspension stabilizing bar link had to be replaced. They were broken prior to the accident causing the accident. The frame was bent as well.

Please call me to discuss the case after you have reviewed these documents.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carroll Rhodes

CR:ssa

CC:

Mr. and Mrs. Murray

Ms. Rochita (Brown) Reid

EXHIBIT

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LEONORA MURRAY, STEPHEN MURRAY, SR., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, LEONORA MURRAY

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2010-0086

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION; GENERAL MOTORS LLC; and SKINNER CHEVROLET BUICK PONTIAC GMC

DEFENDANTS

State of Michigan

County of Wayne

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, came and appeared

CHERLYN STAGNER

who stated under oath that:

- 1. She is the Manager of the Business Resource Center of the CARS (Customer and Relationship Services) Group, Consumer Support for Customer Care & Aftersales for General Motors LLC (GM).
- 2. She has reviewed GM's Product Allegation Resolution (PAR) service request #71-753291416 (the PAR service request) about the August 25, 2009 motor vehicle accident involving Stephen Murray's 2006 Chevrolet HHR. The PAR service request includes a record of statements made by Stephen Murray of Hazlehurst, Mississippi about a motor vehicle accident that occurred on August 25, 2009 involving a 2006 Chevrolet HHR, VIN 3GNDA13D96S509564.
- 3. The PAR service request includes a record of statements made by Stephen Murray. The PAR service request was made at the time Mr. Murray made those statements, from information transmitted by Mr. Murray to General Motors. The PAR service request is kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity by General Motors. It was the regular practice of that business activity of General Motors to make that PAR service request record on behalf of the customer, Mr. Murray.

EXHIBIT 4

4. On August 26, 2009, Stephen Murray called General Motors and stated that Leonora Murray was involved in a motor vehicle accident on August 25, 2009 while driving a 2006 Chevrolet HHR. Mr. Murray stated that the left body side of the vehicle fell and his wife lost control of the vehicle.

Sherlyn Haguer CHERYLN STAGNER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March, 2010

Votary Public

My Commission Expires: March 6,2014

HEATHER L HAINES
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Macomb
My Commission Expires Mar. 06, 2014
Acting in the County of (2) 24/02

LEONORA MURRAY, STEPHEN MURRAY, SR., and M. B., a minor, by and through her maternal grandmother, LEONORA MURRAY

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2010-0086

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION; GENERAL MOTORS LLC,; and SKINNER CHEVROLET BUICK PONTIAC GMC

DEFENDANTS

State of Mississippi

County of Harrison

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, came and appeared

WILLIAM O'KEEFE

who stated under oath that:

- 1. He is an employee of ESIS.
- 2. As part of his employment duties with ESIS, he photographed a 2006 Chevrolet HHR, VIN 3GNDA13D96S509564 (the 2006 Chevrolet HHR) on November 24, 2009.
- 3. When he photographed the 2006 Chevrolet HHR, he was accompanied by Stephen Murray.
- 4. Three of the photographs that he took of the 2006 Chevrolet HHR on November 24, 2009 are attached to this Affidavit.
- 5. When he photographed the 2006 Chevrolet HHR, he saw that the top of the left (driver's side) front wheel was outward and down from its normal orientation and the bottom of the left front wheel was inward and upward from its orientation.
- 6. When he photographed the 2006 Chevrolet HHR, on November 24, 2009, he saw that the steering knuckle on the left front wheel was broken.
- 7. When he photographed the 2006 Chevrolet HHR, he saw that the top of the right (passenger's side) front wheel was in its normal orientation and the bottom of the right front wheel was in its normal orientation.



8.	When he photographed the 2006 Chevrolet HHR on November 24, 2009, he did not see any
	of the components that attach the right front wheel to the car that were broken.

WILLIAM O'KEEFE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 th day of March

, 2010.

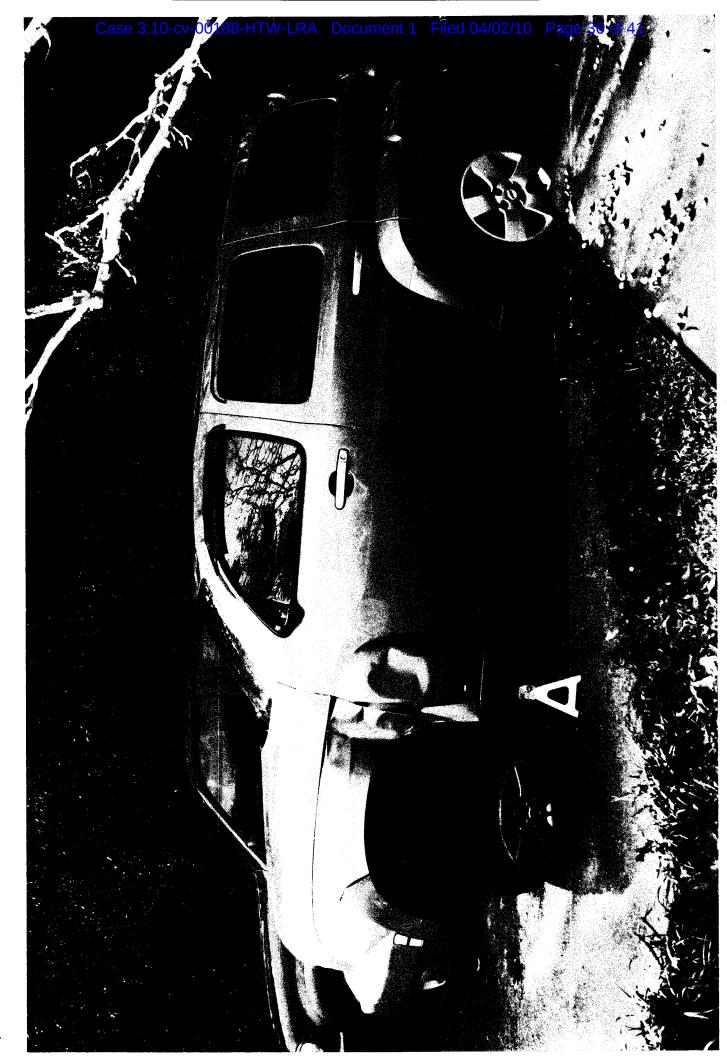
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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DEFENDANTS

State of Mississippi

County of Hinds

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, came and appeared

VERA SKINNER

who stated under oath that:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. She is one of the owners of Skinner Chevrolet Buick Pontiac GMC (Skinner Chevrolet).
- 2. She has reviewed the business records of Skinner Chevrolet concerning the 2006 Chevrolet HHR automobile, VIN 3GNDA13D96S509564 (the subject car).

SKINNER CHEVROLET SOLD THE CAR

3. Skinner Chevrolet sold the subject car to Stephen Murray on August 12, 2005.

SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT DESIGN OR MANUFACTURE THE CAR

- 4. Skinner Chevrolet did not design or manufacture the subject car.
- 5. Skinner Chevrolet did not represent itself to be the designer of manufacturer of the subject car.

EXHIBIT

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SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT EXERCISE SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL OVER THE AIR BAGS OR STEERING

6. Skinner Chevrolet did not exercise substantial control over any aspect of the design, testing, manufacture, packaging or labeling of the air bag system of the subject car, the steering system of the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other component of the subject car that could cause the driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT ALTER OR MODIFY THE AIR BAGS OR STEERING

7. Skinner Chevrolet did not alter or modify the air bag system of the subject car, the steering system of the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other component of the subject car that could cause the driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF A DEFECT IN THE CAR WHEN IT SOLD THAT CAR

- 8. Skinner Chevrolet did not have actual or constructive knowledge of any defective condition in the subject car at the time it sold that car to Stephen Murray.
- 9. Skinner Chevrolet did not receive any technical data or information before it sold the subject car to Stephen Murray that indicated there was a defective condition in the air bag system of the subject car, the steering system of the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other component of the subject car that could cause the driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF A DEFECT IN THE CAR WHEN IT PERFORMED WORK ON THAT CAR

- 10. Skinner Chevrolet did not have actual or constructive knowledge of any defective condition in the subject car at the time it released the car to the customer after it performed maintenance, service or repair work on that car after it sold that car to Stephen Murray.
- 11. Skinner Chevrolet did not receive any technical data or information after it sold the subject car to Stephen Murray and before it released the car to the customer after it performed maintenance, service or repair work on that car that indicated there was a defective condition in the air bag system of the subject car, the steering system of the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other component of the subject car that could cause the

driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT INSTALL THE AIR BAGS AND STEERING

12. Skinner Chevrolet did not install the air bag system on the subject car, the steering system on the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other components on the subject car that could cause the driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT CALIBRATE THE AIR BAGS OR STEERING

13. Skinner Chevrolet did not calibrate the air bag system on the subject car, the steering system components on the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other components on the subject car that could cause the driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT TEST THE AIR BAGS OR STEERING

14. Skinner Chevrolet did not test the air bag system on the subject car, the steering system components on the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other components on the subject car that could cause the driver's side of the front end of the car to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET DID NOT PERFORM WORK ON THE AIR BAGS AND STEERING

15. Skinner Chevrolet performed no maintenance, repair or service work on either the air bag system of the subject car, the steering system of the subject car, or the driver's front wheel assembly and any other components on the subject car that could cause the front end to suddenly drop to the ground as plaintiff alleged the front of the car did in ¶38 of the Complaint in this lawsuit.

SKINNER CHEVROLET MADE NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES ABOUT THE AIR BAGS OR STEERING

- 16. Skinner Chevrolet made no express warranties or other express factual representations about the subject car, other than as a mere conduit of information from the manufacturer of the car (General Motors Corporation).
- 17. Skinner Chevrolet did not advertise or market the subject car, other than as a mere conduit of information from the manufacturer of the car (General Motors Corporation).

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this		/ERA SK _day of _	INNER Apri/	, 2010
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My Commission Expires: